

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the paragraph at page 1, line 5, of the specification as follows.

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/761,466, filed January 16, 2001, which claims the benefit of from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/176,419, filed January 14, 2000 (now pending), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Kindly amend the paragraph at line 11, page 14 of the specification as follows.

Figure 5A shows the nucleotide sequence of *hCsx/Nkx2.5* ~~*mCsx/Nkx2.5*~~ homology domains A1 (SEQ ID NO.: 1) and A2 (SEQ ID NO.: 2).